

House Resolution No. 4081

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State businesses that broaden and deepen the economic foundations of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Capps Variety Store of Canton, Missouri, was founded in 1933 as F.S. Capps 5 & 10 Cent Store by Fred and Bessie Capps in order to sell dry goods and general merchandise; and

Whereas, in 2008, Capps Variety Store will celebrate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of its establishment as a family-owned-and-operated retail establishment; and

Whereas, down through the years Fred and Bessie Capps have been joined in working at the store by their children, Robert Capps and Dorothy Capps Kane; grandchildren, Christine Crawford, Ginny Oliver, and Ted Carskadon; and great-grandchildren, Gina Brown, Angella Reid, and Kristin Huber; and

Whereas, military service interrupted the contributions of Robert Capps, who is married to Mildred, and Jim Oliver, who is married to Ginny, but both men returned to Canton after the completion of their patriotic duties to join in the family venture; and

Whereas, in May 1978 tragedy struck the business when the building burned to the ground, after which time it reopened in a temporary facility across the street, Robert and Mildred Capps decided to retire, and Jim and Ginny Oliver began the task of rebuilding on the original site; and

Whereas, after opening the new Capps Variety Store in March 1982, its owners also have added Capps Office Supply, The Frame Shop, and Intouch Communications to the "self-service, independent variety store" business plan; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri family businesses as Capps Variety Store:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Capps Variety Store and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the establishment of their business; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Capps Variety Store of Canton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4081, adopted September 9, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker